

Gateway to the East (SR-60 Corridor) Study

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RE: **Eastern Gateway Freeway Corridor Improvement Study (SR-60),
Status Update**

Information Item: For information only.

In consultation with Caltrans districts 7 & 8, SANBAG, RCTC, and the MTA, SCAG staff has finalized a Scope of Work and is in the process of issuing an RFP for the Eastern Gateway Freeway Corridor Improvement Study (formerly referred to as the SR-60 Truck Lanes). This study will evaluate transportation system performance for all modes for each freeway alignment in the overall study area, leading to the identification of an optimal routing or corridor configuration that is most significant in terms of goods movement activities and future capacity potential.

Summary:

This study represents a major comprehensive, multi-modal inter-modal corridor study evaluating a key goods movement corridor area that generally extends from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, through Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, to the junction of the State Route 60/Interstate 10 (SR 60/I-10) Freeway Interchange in Riverside County. The main freeways of focus for this corridor study, which will be defined as the "Eastern Gateway Corridor", will include SR 60, I-10, Interstate 210/State Route 210 (I-210/SR 210, formerly State Route 30). Other, north-south, freeways will be evaluated in the overall context of the east-west freeways.

This area of study ranges from high-density residential, commercial, and industrial land uses in the I-710 area to sections of lower density suburban and rural land uses towards the eastern terminus, with intense trip generators throughout the corridor. The freeways being evaluated in this study are each heavily used by trucks engaged in inter- and intra-regional goods movement, serving both port and domestic traffic. The Los Angeles/Long Beach ports being served by these freeways are a major "gateway" for the growing Pacific Rim trade. The Eastern Gateway of the Los Angeles Region represents one of the highest volume truck and rail goods movement corridors in the United States. This corridor is of major importance in the distribution of consumer goods and in facilitating international trade.

The Corridor Study will seek inter-modal, multi-modal transportation solution to optimize mobility and reduce vehicle emissions through an interdependent and integrated process.

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It will involve establishing a close partnership among federal, state, regional, and local agencies and other stakeholders to seek integrated transportation solutions, through a consensus process, that enhance public safety, environmental resources, and quality of life.

The exact geographic extent of the corridor will be defined upon commencement of the Corridor Study, but will include an evaluation of key highway, bus and rail facilities proximate to the freeway identified as the most critical in terms of goods movement activities. The multi-modal study will also evaluate potential Transportation System Management (TSM), Intelligent Technology Systems (ITS), and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies for more efficient movement of traffic through the corridor. The specific transportation issues evaluated and the level of analysis performed will fulfill requirements of the current federal transportation program, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Section 1308, Major Investment Study (MIS) Integration.

